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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and in compliance with § 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) are hereby brought to the Office's attention in the patent application identified above.

Remarks

Cite Nos. F1 through F3, listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on the IDS List of References, are not in English.

Cite Nos. F1 and F2 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2003/13236, of which the above-identified patent application was the National Stage. The International Search Report was forwarded to the Office on January 20, 2004; a copy of Cite No. F2 is already of record in the instant application and thus is not being furnished herewith. Meanwhile, an Office action, issued on August 17, 2007, on the merits of this case has already been made. In the August 17, 2007 action, the Examiner states that he has considered Cite Nos. F1 and F2; and in fact he has cited Cite No. F2 on form PTO-892.

Furthermore, it is to be noted that Cite Nos. F2 and F3 are referenced at the end of the Background Art section of the present specification.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

The copy of the International Search Report, forwarded to the Office on January 20, 2004 as noted above, serves as a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 and F2. (Although the Search Report is not in English, the categories designating the relevancy as assessed by the International Searching Authority are readily apparent next to the corresponding document identification numbers on the report.) Immediately preceding their citation at the end of the Background Art section, Cite Nos. F2 and F3, meanwhile, are discussed in the present specification in the paragraph beginning in line 5 on page 3.

In addition, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 and F3 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and copies of the abstracts are being furnished herewith, attached to the back of each reference.

Fee Requirement As Stipulated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

As noted above, a non-final action on the merits was issued by the Office on August 17, 2007. As the time when the items of information in the IDS List of References filed herewith became known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) is more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, an attestation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) cannot be made. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) is being submitted in an authorization, accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper, to charge to a credit card the \$180 fee.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider Cite No. F3, further to Cite Nos. F1 and F2, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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